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Memorandum of Agreement between MT Department of Livestock and Wyoming Livestock Board

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to exempt some low risk cattle shipments from having to record official ID on the movement document. Cattle eligible for this exemption need to have official individual identification and ownership documented with the owner's registered brands and brand inspection.

As other forms of identification and ID collection become available allowing capture at the speed of commerce, it is expected that the need for this agreement will be reconsidered.

This MOA is a reciprocal agreement between these two states to allow brands and brand certificates to be used in lieu of official ID strictly for the purposes of recording ID on the ICVI or other approved movement document.

- 9 CFR 86.4(b)(1)(i)(D) states the following regarding official identification:
- (b) Official identification requirements for interstate movement—
- (1) Cattle and bison.
- (i) All cattle and bison listed in paragraphs (b)(1)(iii)(A) through (b)(1)(iii)(D) of this section must be officially identified prior to the interstate movement, using an official identification device or method listed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section unless:
- (D) The cattle and bison are moved between shipping and receiving States or Tribes with another form of identification, as agreed upon by animal health officials in the shipping and receiving States or Tribes.

Therefore the respective states agree to the following:

- Sexually intact beef cattle over 18 months of age not: assembled within the past 60 days, used or comingled with rodeo cattle or being moved for exhibition, that are identified with official identification and with brands registered to the owner of the cattle by the recognized brand inspection authority of the shipping state and accompanied by a brand inspection issued by the same authority are permitted movement between the two states with the brand inspection used in lieu of listing the official identification numbers on the movement document.
- This agreement supersedes the previous ADT agreements signed in July of 2013 and October 2014 between the two states which allowed for brands as official ID thereby making that agreement null and void.
- In no way does the agreement waive any requirements for: a CVI or other movement document, permit numbers, veterinary / owner statements, vaccinations, or negative test results nor does it waive the requirements for individual ID's listed on test charts when indicated.
- The issuing veterinarian shall affix the following statement on the CVI or other movement document: "All ADT covered cattle in this shipment are individually officially identified in addition to their brand records"

We, the undersigned State Veterinarians hereby agree to the above enumerated conditions for beef cattle being imported into our respective state in compliance with the USDA/APHIS Animal Disease Traceability rule. This agreement will be valid in perpetuity, unless either state terminates this agreement by written notice after 14 days of acknowledged receipt by the other state.

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Date

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